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MEETING DOCUMENT

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Danish EU Presidency Horizon Europe negotiation process: Pillar IV & Rules for participation - PowerPoint presentation

Delegations will find attached a PowerPoint presentation on the above-mentioned subject made by the Presidency at the Research Working Party Meeting held on 16 October 2025.

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Danish EU Presidency

Horizon Europe negotiation process: Pillar IV & Rules for participation

The six negotiation blocks

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1. General Provisions [Budget; connection to ECF]
2. Excellence Science: ERC, MSCA, JRC
3. 1.Competitiveness and Society: [ECF policy windows], Partnerships, Global Societal challenges, Missions, Bauhaus
4. Innovation: EIC and Innovation Ecosystems
5. 1.European Research Area: ERA, RI&TI, [Widening]
6. Rules for participation [Award criteria and selection; funding rates]

ERA: plans and points noted

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Status Sep

- Continuity for ERA
- Political guidance on RI&TI

To do Oct/Nov

- Inputs: 02.10 – 27.10 – 14.11
- Drafting
- Negotiations: 16.10 – 06.11- 27.11

Expected by Dec

- Overall consensus

ERA

- EU and MS level coordination? Role of ERAC/ERA Forum?
- Increased agility? How much to list?
- ERA Policy Agenda, future ERA Act – what reference?
- Instruments to be used and COST

RI and TI

- Overall scope of infrastructures part and type of activities
- 20% construction costs for RI and TI?
- Instrument and criteria for selection of infrastructures for funding, incl. EU and MS level coordination
- Business plans for TI
- Balance RI and TI
- Role of ESFRI

→PCY reflection note shared on infrastructures

ERA: Articles and recitals – negotiations today minus parts in red

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Framework programme

- Art 18 (European Research Area)
- **New Art** (Infrastructures)
  – Recital 19
- **New Art** (Policy support facility)
- Art 19 Widening [bracketed]
  – Recital 20

Specific Programme

- Art 14 (Reforming and enhancing the European R&I system)
- Art 16 (Research infrastructures)
- Art 17 (Technology infrastructures)
- Art 15 (Widening participation and spreading excellence) [bracketed]

Today:
first round on articles 18 and new 18b in FP and article 14 in SP (ERA specific part);
Second round on reflection note followed by
third round on new article 18a and recital 19 in FP and articles 16 and 17 in SP (infrastructures part)

Lunch break



Rules for participation and dissemination: plans and points noted

Status Sep

- Complementarity with financial regulation
- Continuity

To do Oct/Nov

- Inputs: 02/10 – 30.10 – 24.11
- Drafting
- Negotiations: 16.10 – 10.11 – 04.12

Expected by Dec

- Advanced version ensuring coherence for the programme

- **Complementarity with financial regulations: only specifications or exceptions to be spelled out**
  → Check guidance provided by EC when reading the RfP (coordinator financial check covered, affiliated entities, etc.)
- Complementarity to ECF rulebook to be remembered even if part of Art 20 is in brackets
- RfP in regulation – different level of details in implementation
- Possibility to participate without EU funding added (Art 21)
- Single participant grants option added for RITI and MSCA (Art 21)
- WPs for setting specific rules → all content of calls for proposals to be in WP (Art 23)
- Non-compliance impact – more details added in Art 21.11, ethical non compliance is covered
- EC to check if human embryonic stem cells are adequately covered compared to current programme
- Time To Grant – should there be a difference between single and multi beneficiary grants?
  → To note: 1 corporate grant agreement expected
- MIM % of contribution – to have a degree of flexibility as markets fluctuate (EC to explain)
- Specific guidelines for MSCA eligible costs exist and will be maintained (EC statement)
- Procurers have a given rule set they operate under – applicable EU rules for resilience are referred to and should be enough

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Rules for participation and dissemination: Articles and recitals minus parts in red

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Framework programme

- Art 20 (ECF rules)
  - Recital 22
- Art 21 (Eligibility)
- Art 22 (Ethics and research integrity)
- Art 23 (Calls for proposals)
- Art 24 (Financial capacity of applications)
- Art 25 (Award criteria and selection)
- Art 26 (Time-to-grant)
- Art 27 (Funding rates)
- Art 28 (Indirect costs)
- Art 29 (Eligible costs)
  - Recital 27
- Art 30 (Mutual insurance mechanism)
- Art 31 (Ownership of results)
- Art 32 (Valorisation and dissemination)
  - Recital 28
- Art 33 (Pre-commercial procurement and public procurement of innovative solutions)

Other recitals 6

Today:

Go through article by article

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

quote by Jane Goodall

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